

Department's website grows to include satellite conferences

he Alabama Department of Public Health website has grown rapidly and has added interactive databased contents. More than 1,000 requests per day are made for this public health information. Interactive content allows public comment on proposed rules and participation in discussion areas.

The site has what is called the parent website which includes links to several department child sites. One of the newest child sites to be established is the site for the Video Communications Division which produces the satellite conferences for the department.

This site presents some general information about the division's activities and contains a listing of upcoming conferences, conference flyers and registration materials. This information is particularly helpful for public health employees in other states who want to participate in Alabama's satellite conference educational programs. Visit this website at: www.alapubhealth.org/alphtn

Other recent additions to this site are statistical profiles of vital events in Alabama counties as provided by the Center for Health Statistics. This is based on Volume IV of *Alabama Vital Events 1996* (ADPH-HS-501D/Rev12-97).

The site includes the following: *Health Status for Rural*

Alabamians - The State of the State, Alabama HIV/AIDS Update, Emergency Medical Services Protocols, Health Maintenance Organization Rules and Statute and other helpful information.

